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Responsive to the June 20, 2007 Requirement that Applicants elect a single species of the invention illustrated in the several figures of the Drawing and described in the Specification, Applicants respectfully traverse the requirement on the grounds that each illustrated embodiment is but an alternative of the basic embodiment illustrated in Fig. 2, and that a search of the subject matter recited in either of the independent Claims 10 or 18 will require a search of subject matter including the elemental variants of all of the illustrated embodiments.

For example;

all of the embodiments ("species") include

- a) a base connection element,
- b) a load connection element,
- c) at least one support element,

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